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For : METHOD FOR PRODUCING ALCOHOL AND CARBOXYLIC ACID
HAVING OPTICAL ACTIVITY

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

This paper responds to the requirement for election under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372 of October 7, 2009, which sets a one month shortened statutory period for response until November 7, 2009. Applicants file this paper by February 8, 2010 (February 7, 2010 being a Sunday) concurrently with a Request for Three-Month Extension of Time. If any additional extension of time and/or any fee is required to maintain the pendency of the application, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for restriction are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments, and remarks, which follow.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks, including Applicants' election, begin on page 8.